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KMT, CCP FORCES IN CHAN-CHIANG AREA

KMT STRENGTH INCLUDES 3 ARMIES -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 27 Oct 49

At present, Chan-chiang is the only harbor through which American aid can be delivered to the KMT forces on the mainland. The three armies of Yu Han-mou (Ueda: 253, 6499, 11092), one division of Yu Ying-chi' (1421, 9795, 1972) and the public security units under the command of Hsieh Yo (10154, 2559) are now deployed around Chan-chiang area in hopes of preventing this strategic city from fallen into Communist hands.

The affair known as the Hsi-ying Incident which occurred recently at Chan-chiang was an attempt to overthrow the KMT regime. It is reported to have been instigated by Pao Kuan-yang (924, 12790, 199), private secretary of Gen Chang Kuang-ch'ung (3065, 567, 7394) who commanded the KMT Sixty-Second Army. As a result of this incident, General Chang, who had no part in the unsuccessful attempt to turn the regime over to the Communists, was forced to relinquish his post to Chang Hui-kuei (3065, 7346, 11355) and retire to Hong Kong.

ESTIMATES COMMUNIST STRENGTH -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 27 Oct 49

The KMT Self-Defense Force Headquarters recently conducted a survey of Communist guerrilla forces in the Chan-chiang area. The estimate is as follows:

1. Tung-hai Tao area -- approximately 250 men equipped with three light machine guns, over 200 rifles, and 20 pistols.
2. Southern P'o-t'ou area -- approximately 80 men equipped with two light machine guns, more than 60 rifles, and 20 pistols.

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3. Ch'ao-man and Hsin-lu areas -- approximately 120 men equipped with two light machine guns, more than 60 rifles, and 40 pistols.

4. Lei-chou area -- approximately 40 men equipped with about 20 rifles and five pistols.

5. Chan-chiang City -- approximately 300 men equipped with four light machine guns, more than 200 rifles, and 20 pistols.

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